

Internship at Growing Common Ground Farm (GCGF)

Harvest House Community Learning Center in Lebanon Indiana is looking for interns for the summer of 2021 to work on a wide range of projects to advance their Garden Education Program and Junior Master Gardener Summer Camps. Also given the opportunity to work with four (4) Urban growers that maintain a half acre of the one (1) acre Growing Common Ground Farm (GCGF). This is an exciting opportunity for Purdue students to get hands-on experience putting sustainability into action while working to support the program coordinator and farm managers.

This is a physically demanding, yet very rewarding job. Work could include long days and exposure to outdoor elements (e.g. heat, sun, rain, etc.). The student interns are expected to coordinate and organize volunteers and community work parties, as well as carry out an independent garden project from conception to completion. The Garden Interns will report directly to garden manager Sandy Dailey while at the GCGF. Interns will work in close collaboration with other Interns and staff to plan and manage the garden. The student interns will gain life-long skills and knowledge in planting and maintaining an organic garden, organizing events, and supervising volunteer workers.

The summer internship has many components to it, which makes it even more fun and exciting. You'll have the opportunity to participate in Harvest Houses Summer Junior Master Gardener camps and work with their Master Beekeeper Chuck Dailey. Another aspect of the internship would be to help manage the vegetable Produce Stand which could be weather dependent. There is an Indiana Native pollinator bioswale raingarden on the property as well as a kitchen herb garden put in by local 4-Hers.

The internship requires up to 20 hours per week, starting in early/mid May and ending in August prior to fall classes. Work schedules are flexible and will allow for vacation time, however a total of 10 weeks of work during the summer is required. This is a volunteer position but transportation expenses maybe considered if living outside of Boone Co.

To apply for this position, please email your resume and cover letter to Dr. Kathryn Orvis by March 26th.

See the full job description below:

INTERNSHIP OVERVIEW AND PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

Interns will:

- Work with garden manager (Sandy Dailey) to plan and manage the garden during the fall season. Specific tasks may include preparing soil, cultivating, planting, weeding, and harvesting.
- Organize and supervise volunteer work parties.
- Coordinate the schedule for volunteer work parties and be at the garden during those scheduled times to supervise the work parties.
- Provide continuity for work on the garden throughout the 2021 growing season.
- Prepare for and help run a weekly Farm Stand to sell produce from the garden.

REQUIRED SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

- Strong work ethic and self-motivated.
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills.
- Preference will be given to those with experience and firsthand knowledge in farming and/or gardening with vegetable crops; though previous garden experience is not required.
- Experience organizing and supervising the work of others.
- Tolerance for hard work and exposure to outdoor elements.
- Excitement about promoting local farming and local food production